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SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF GERMAN BUSINESSMAN IN NORTH

1. RADIO MORNING DECEMBER 28 REPORTS GERMAN BUSINESSMAN AND HONORARY CONSUL KIDNAPPED IN NORTHERN IRELAND. (CONGEN BELFAST REPORTING SEPARATELY.) THERE WILL, OF COURSE, BE SOME CONCERN IN BUSINESS AND DIPLOMATIC/ CONSULAR COMMUNITY IN BOTH PARTS OF IRELAND. IF KIDNAPPING WAS DONE BY PROVO IRA, WE WOULD NOT EXPECT IT TO SET PRECEDENT FOR ANY IMMEDIATE ACTION IN REPUBLIC, SINCE BOTH PROVOS AND OFFICIALS STILL HAVE POLICY OF AVOIDING VIOLENCE HERE. THIS POLICY HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN PUT UNDER STRAIN BY INCREASINGLY EFFECTIVE GOI REPRESSION OF SNN FEIN/IRA. IF PROVOS SHOULD DECIDE EXTEND VIOLENCE TO REPUBLIC, FOREIGN BUSINESS COMMUNITY WOULD BE ONE OF MANY LOGICAL TARGETS. KIDNAPPINGS WOULD ALSO BE OBVIOUS SOURCE OF INCOME IF, AS HAS BEEN REPORTED, PROVOS ARE GETTING FEWER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM U.S.

2. IN RECENT YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN SOME SPORADIC VIOLENCE AGAINST GERMANS IN REPUBLIC. IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO PIN DOWN SOURCE OF VIOLENCE. LOCAL RESENTMENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MAJOR FACTOR

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IN TWO OR THREE CASES OF BURNING OF FARMS AND BUSINESSES. (GER-

MANS SE\*M TO FIND IT MO\*E DIFFICULT THAN OTHERS TO ADAPT TO IRISH  
CUSTOMS.) BOMBING OF GERMANY EMBASSY IN NE 1972 MUST HAVE BEEN  
ORGANIZED EFFORT, BUT WE DO NOT DETECT ANY OVERALL PATTERN IN  
ACATTERED INCIDENTS.

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